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Lombards

Kingdom of Lombards in  
Italy was established 568-774

568

Leovigild (568 → 586) a very capable soldier, thoroughly established his personal ascendancy over the nobles, smote the minor Suevic Kingdom, and recovered Andalucia, which had been occupied by Justinian's officers.

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The Lombards under Alboin invade  
Italy.

In 568, fifteen years after the Gothic Wars, a new barbarian group was overrunning the Italian peninsula. The Langobards (long-arms?), or, to adopt at once the more familiar form of their name, the Lombards, were a backward division of those various tribes associated with the Gothic name. They never came prominently into

collusion with the Empire; but about the close of the 5th cen. they had pushed their way to the middle Danube. Towards the middle of the 6th cen (550) they broke the domination of the HERUL and the GEPIDAE in alliance with the AVARS, a Mongolian race who had pushed into Hungary; they provided horses with mercenary troops for his campaigns against the Ostrogoths; like Alaric and Theodoric; the attraction of Italy appealed to their King ALBOIN

578/569

## Visigoth Kingdom of Toledo

LEOVI (SILD)'s assumption of the  
kingship; rebirth of the Visigothic  
kingdom.

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hannibals

Almost entire exarchate of  
the Byzantines was conquered  
Kingdom of the hannibals  
in Italy ~~568-5~~ 568 - 774  
established.

~~573~~ 568

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ALBOIN (? → 573) destroyed  
Kingdom of the GREEKS on the  
lower Danube. <sup>lombards</sup>

He led the LOMBARDS  
(lombards) into Italy, which he  
conquered as far south as the  
Tiber

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After LEOVIGILD had come to power in 568 or 569 the Visigothic kingdom rose like a phoenix from the ashes. Leovigild's reign saw the conclusion of a development that turned the Visigothic regnum into a Spanish imperium. In Spain emerged the most complete successor state to the Roman empire, a perfect replica in its strength and weaknesses.

## LONG OBARDI (LOMBARDOS)

A German people who settled on the lower Elbe at the beginning of the Christian Era and apparently in the 5th century migrated to the regions of the Danube, where they became converts to ARIANISM. They were conquered by the HERULAE but overthrew them in 490. In 566 they destroyed the GEPIDAE. Took possession

of Pannonia, in 568 under ALBOIN, they invaded Italy, in the northern part of which they easily established themselves making PAVIA, their Capital. Influenced by Gregory the Great and by their remarkable Queen THEODELINDA, they accepted the Roman Catholic form of the Christian faith. In 774 the Lombard Kingdom was made a province of Charlemagne's empire, the Longbards thereafter becoming merged in the general Italian population.

## Lombards invade Italy

Germanic warriors extinguish the imperial power in the peninsula. The last Barbarian invasion of Italy took place in 568. The Lombards, a German people from the lower ELBE, whom Justinian I had allowed to settle in Pannonia and Noricum (present day Hungary and eastern Austria) burst across the Alps, capturing MILAN in 569.

After a siege of PAVIA (lasting 3 yrs), they established a kingdom in the north, with Pavia as the capital.

The Lombard leader ALBOIN had little difficulty in extending his control over all of northern and central Italy. There was local resentment of imperial taxes & also, unpaid German mercenaries left to defend it.

Rome remained a PAPAL domain. Lazio and much of the east coast remained in Byzantine hands. In 680, Byzantium formally recognized the kingdom of the Lombards.

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Lombards in Italy

AD 568

People from ALTIUM & other  
late Roman towns on the mainland  
sought refuge on the lagoon's  
islands in the face of invasion  
by the Lombards, a Germanic  
tribe that had been living in  
eastern Austria and Hungary

Venice

Italy is conquered by Lombards

The Lombards moved into Italy, most of which they soon conquered. The main Kingdom was in the Po valley,

The Byzantine Empire retained only Ravenna & surrounding; some and surrounding, and south of Italy,